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Troops in Lowicz.

1. In June or July 1950,                      Soviet troops in a barracks installation at the southwestern perimotor of Lowicz, on the east side of the highway to Lodz (Q 52/O 93). The old stables of the installation had been converted into garages. The first time                      Russian soldiers                      were playing lawn-tennis, wearing summer uniforms and field caps with the Soviet star emblem. The second time, the troops were wearing parka-type jackets and were assembled for roll call. Short-barreled artillery pieces of about 150 mm, towed by tractors, were seen in the billeting area. \* 50X1-HUM  
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2. Prior to 1949, Polish troops of an undetermined branch of service were stationed in Lowicz. In June and July 1950, Polish soldiers, with blue piping on their uniforms, were observed in the streets of Lowicz. \*\*

Soviet Signal-Communications Detachments in the Poznan-Kuestrin Area.

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3. During the period from 1947 to the summer of 1950, Soviet signal-communications detachments were located in Tarnowo Podgorne (P 53/X 06), Pniewy (O 53/W 76), and in Schwerin (O 53/W 27) on the Warthe River. Each detachment had up to 25 soldiers and was commanded by officer candidates or young lieutenants. Their mission was the guarding and maintenance of the Soviet telephone line between Poznan (P 53/X 26) and Kuestrin (O 53/V 36), which was part of the Berlin-Moscow trunk line. In 1947, it was observed that the line, made up of four or five wires, was suspended from specially erected poles, ran along the Schwerin-Kuestrin road. It was not known whether other signal-communications detachments were located in the Poznan-Kuestrin area. \*\*\*

\*                      Comment. Only one barracks installation has been known in Lowicz, 50X1-HUM  
namely the one located about 100 meters east of the railroad line to Warsaw,  
near a switching station.                      It is doubted that two  
barracks installations should be located in a town as small as Lowicz. 50X1-HUM  
Several very conflicting reports have been received from Lowicz since the

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The present report is doubted because no Soviet division has as yet been observed in the entire area between Warsaw and Poznan, and it is unlikely that a detached Soviet artillery unit should be stationed in that area without any affiliations to a major unit. Contrary to the statements [redacted] it is believed that it was a Polish artillery unit. It is also possible that a small Soviet signal-communications detachment maintaining the Berlin-Moscow trunk line may be stationed in Lowicz, such as [redacted] is posted along the Kuestrin-Poznan line and also in Kutno.

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\*\* [redacted] Comment. [redacted]

[redacted] took Polish troops for granted but was interested in Soviet troops because they were "foreigners". [redacted] the Polish soldiers with blue pipings on their uniforms were KBW (Internal Security Corps) personnel.

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\*\*\* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] in August 1950, [redacted] a Soviet signal-

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communications detachment in Piatkowo, north of Poznan, which was responsible for the Soviet telephone line between Poznan and Uborniki.

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According to available information, it is believed that such Soviet detachments are stationed 40 to 50 km apart along the Berlin-Kuestrin-Moscow trunk line which, in Poland, probably follows the main west-east highway via Warsaw.

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